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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SYNCHRONIZING DATA BETWEEN COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN A NETWORKED ENVIRONMENT

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 33 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 33 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

RANODHI N. SERRAO

Applicant(s)

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- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 28 February 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-23,25-41,44-56 and 93-112.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/William C. Vaughn, Jr./
SPE, Art Unit 2144

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-3, 5-23, 25-41, 44-56, and 93-112 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In interpreting the claims, in light of the specification, the Examiner finds the claimed invention to be patentably distinct from the prior art of record.
2. In regards to statutory subject matter, the Examiner interprets the claim language of "a plurality of destination devices" as recited in independent claims 1, 21, 41, and 112 to be hardware since page 6, ¶ 20 of applicant's specification states, "Communication connections 106-110 provide mechanisms for transferring data, i.e., physical communications channels, while the synchronization mechanisms 103-105 and corresponding synchronization mechanisms 116 associated with destination devices 111 can be configured to provide the computation and protocols needed to share data between source data buffer 102 and destination data buffers 117 over communication connections 106-110." This shows that the plurality of destination devices 111 are physically connected to communication channels 106-110 as shown in figure 1.
3. **Salesky et al. (2005/0080850)** teaches an improved networked computer communications system handles arbitrary streams of data, and transports at varying speeds those streams where intermediate updates can be dropped if they are obsoleted by later arriving data updates, optimizing the utilization of network and node resources. Complex buffering by system server software allows distributed, parallel, or redundant processing, transmission, and storage for performance, reliability, and robustness. Various parameters of the system can be monitored, and the system can be

reconfigured automatically based on the observations. Varied techniques reduce the perceived end-to-end latency and take advantage of software and hardware capabilities that assets connected to the system may possess. One conferencing system allows conference participants to share all or a portion of the display seen on their computer screens. The conferees may be at sites removed from each other, or may view a recorded presentation or archived conference at different times. Conference participants are either "presenters" who can modify the display or "attendees" who cannot modify the display. A pointer icon, which can be labeled to identify the conferee, is displayed on the shared image area. Each conferee can modify the position of his or her own pointer, even when not presenting, so that every participant can see what each conferee is pointing to, should a conferee choose to point to an element of the display. These and other features apply to other data streams shared in the conference or in meetings where there is no shared-image data stream (**Salesky, abstract, figure 1, and corresponding text**).

4. **Marshak et al. (20003/0093597)** teaches techniques used in dynamically modifying RDF groups. A system call is issued by a host computer system to execute a remote system call on a first data storage system to create, remove, or modify an RDF group between the first data storage system and another data storage-system-that is remotely connected to the first data storage system in an RDF switched environment. As part of executing the remote system call, data is pushed from the first to the second data storage systems without having an established link between the data storage systems. Each data storage system performs processing to make the necessary

modifications in all directors in accordance with the dynamic RDF group. A status indicating success or failure of the remote system call is returned to the host computer system (**Marshak, abstract, figure 2, and corresponding text**).

5. However, the prior art of record fail to teach or suggest individually or in combination the claimed limitation, wherein a destination device that does not respond within a timeout threshold is removed from its performance cluster but when the removed destination device responds to the timeout threshold it receives full-buffer updates until such point as a recent average latency performance of the responding destination device is at a level that merits insertion back into one of the performance clusters, which correlates to page 11, ¶ 31 of applicant's specification which state, "If a destination device 111 has reached this timeout, in step 412, but eventually responds, in step 416, then it can still be allowed to receive full-buffer updates, in step 418, e.g., until its Recent Average Latency performance merits insertion back into one of the performance clusters 119-121." See also page 10, ¶ 30 for further explanation.
6. These limitations, in conjunction with the other limitations in the independent claims 1, 21, 41, and 112 are not specifically disclosed or remotely suggested in the prior art of record. Therefore, claims 1-3, 5-23, 25-41, 44-56, and 93-112 are allowed.
7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ranodhi Serrao whose telephone number is (571) 272-7967. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30pm, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (571) 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

/R. N. S./

Examiner, Art Unit 2141

5/14/2008

/William C. Vaughn, Jr./

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2144